

CAPITOL CHIPS.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Work Before the Various Committees in Both
Houses—Doings in the Several Departments
and Bureaus—Information from
Commissioner Raum.

The message from the President which was sent to the House of Representatives yesterday was merely a transmittal of the British prospectus of the fisheries exhibition to be held in London in 1883.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds have agreed to recommend to the House that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated to aid in defraying the expenses of the centennial celebra-

The meeting of the executive committee of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, which was to have been held last evening at the Hotel Hamilton, has been postponed, subject to the call of the chairman, Congressman Valentine, of Nebraska, (a printer by trade). He has worked his way from the editorial staff, from there to a seat in Congress. He is young, energetic, and ambitious, and will probably rise still higher in political life.

The House Committee on Agriculture, yesterday reported the agricultural appropriation bill back with the Federal amendments, for non-concurrence. It is believed the bill will be passed by the House, and will have to be finally settled in the Senate.

The Senate Committee on Railroads have agreed to recommend the passage of Mr. Garland's bill releasing the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad Company from its charter obligation to transport United States property, troops, or mails at less than the rates paid to non-land-grant railroads.

agreed to report to the House favorably Representative Paul's bill appropriating \$27,000 for the purpose of making final settlement with the Mexican Pottawatomi Indians, in accordance with treaty stipulations; also to report favorably Representative Burrows' bill appropriating \$169,672.15 to make final settlement with the Pottawattomee Indians in Michigan and Indians under treaty stipulations with them.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads failed to obtain a quorum yesterday; consequently no business was transacted. A special meeting was

The committee of seven appointed under the resolution of the Republican caucus of the House

business, decided that the tariff commission bill, which will be again taken up as soon as the election case of Lynch vs. Chalmers is disposed of, shall be passed for final action, then the remaining election cases; and after them the appropriation bills. An effort will be made to pass the bill for the distribution of the Geneva award, and the Bowman bill, or a substitute, to relieve Congress from the consideration of private bills. But beyond the legislation indicated the committee has

The Senate in executive session Wednesday confirmed the following nominations: Alphaeus Taft, of Ohio, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Austria; William L. Dayton, of New Jersey, minister-resident to Netherlands; Beaurgard P. Sterns, of New Jersey, consul-general at Montreal; James A. Macknight, of Utah, consul at St. Helena; George B. Armstrong, of Illinois, register of land office, Brown, Dakota. Four

Donald, Luddington, Mich.	Jerome C. Knowlton, Mich.
Ann Arbor, Mich., Alfred S.	Scheffer, Lewisburg, Ohio
Pa., Jessie E. Dale, Dubuque,	Pa., Francis E. Poole, Pa.
to Rev., Beverly, Mass.; Lewis	Holmes, Bridgewater, Mass.
Mass., Henry L. Whitcomb,	Concord Mass., James
S. F. Hollister, Mass.	W. C. Gaffee, La.
Mass., Charles H. Briggs,	Foxboro, Mass.; Lewis
H. Burd, Springfield, Vt.;	Edward T. Gates, Wash-
ington, Conn.; Albert J. Lowry,	D'Arcville, Cal.
James C. Michie, Covington,	Ky., Martin Mullin,
ville, Delaw. Wis. (Philip Strayer,	Stearnsville,

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate yesterday: Postmasters—George W. Leavitt, at Exeter, N. H.; George W. Callow, at Jamaica, N. Y.; H. S. Beebe, at Caulfield, N. Y.; Elizabeth Smith, at Canajoharie, N. Y.; Abram Hoffman, at Fort Plain, N. Y.; James H. Douglas, at Freeport, Pa.; Nelson F. English, at Key West, Fla.; William C. Stewart, at Tallahassee, Fla.; John M. Simms, at Bethany, Mo.; John B. Emory, at Lamar, Mo.; Edward E. Lowe, at Salisbury,

William Y. Swiggett, at Winnington, De
Receivers of public moneys—Ambrose H. La
compte, at Natichitoches, La.; Robert Lowry
Iowa, at Huron, Dakota. Indian agents—Jadath
E. Minnis, of Colorado, for Huray agency, Utah
and John Mayhew, of Colorado, for Ute
phone agency, Nevada. To be commissioners and
section 2 of the act to accept and ratify the agree
ment submitted by the confederated bands of the
Ute Indians in Colorado—Henry Page, James J.
Gardner, and Jackson Orr, of Colorado. Custom
officers—Louis J. Souer, of Louisiana, to be ap
praiser for the district of New Orleans; A. Fortu

At the request of the Senate Finance Committee, Commissioner Raum has prepared the following statement of the amount of spirits now in bond, which, under the requirements of existing law, the internal revenue tax must be paid during the next twelve months:

Months when produced.	Taxable gallons.	When tax falls due.
April, 1879.....	250,563	May, 1882.....
May, 1879.....	256,764	June, 1882.....

July, 1897.....	80,011	September, 1897.....
August, 1897.....	113,010	October, 1897.....
September, 1897.....	222,967	November, 1897.....
October, 1897.....	411,449	December, 1897.....
November, 1897.....	617,287	January, 1898.....
December, 1897.....	926,941	February, 1898.....
January, 1898.....	1,276,452	March, 1898.....
February, 1898.....	1,708,773	April, 1898.....
March, 1898.....	2,079,638	May, 1898.....
April, 1898.....		
Total.....	9,483,243	

According to other official data in the possession of the Finance Committee the recent annual expenditures of the Government have been as follows:

(or all classes) is about 70,000,000 gallons, of which a maximum amount, variously estimated by members of the committee at from 15,000,000 to 25,000,000 gallons, is of the class of whiskey that matures with age, and that to the extent above indicated is kept in bond while maturing, and that to greater or less extent seeks the benefit of retention in bond.

SURGEON-GENERAL HAMILTON, of the Marine Hospital Service, has returned to this city from an inspection tour of the Northern and Eastern stations.

called at the White House yesterday and paid the respects to the President.

TREASURER GILFILLAN has received \$13,630 which to pay the interest on the thirty year funding bonds of the District of Columbia, which falls due on the 1st proximo.

WILLIAM H. HONNER has been appointed internal revenue storekeeper for the twenty-second district of Pennsylvania and James Burgess storekeeper for the first district of Ohio.

The President and several of his Cabinet have accepted an invitation to attend the annual di-

The party will leave here in a special car at nine o'clock Monday morning.

Hon. T. T. ALLAIN and George Drury, representing the interests of the overworked districts of Louisiana, called on the President by appointment on Tuesday last, and laid before him the greatest distress of the people in these districts, and implored him to spare no pains, time, trouble, or money, to bring about their prompt action in their behalf. They also had a very satisfactory interview in reference to matters in the Third Congressional District in this State.

A STATEMENT just completed by the Post-Office

There were 4,300 post-offices in the United States. It includes an increase within the past month of 100 offices, 75 of which is exhibited in the following table. The increase has been occasioned in the Southern States by a general increase in the number of post-offices in the country for several years preceding 1861; it has been about 1,500 per year; but it is expected by the Post-Office to be not unlikely that it will reach 3,000 this year.

The President has approved the act establishing district United States courts in the Northern and Southern Judicial Districts of Georgia; the amending section 2556, Revised Statutes, in re-

in the State of Oregon, and the
for the relief of Benjamin F. Dobson,
Susan R. Johnson, Sylvester Jackson, Rosel
L. McKay, George Andrews, Ann Atkinson, Eliza
both S. M. Finley, Mary T. McCawley, Flora
McGallin, Levi Anderson, Jane Dulaney, Benn
Sullivan, John F. Quase, Charles H. Andrus
Sarah A. Do
Richard M. Baker.